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Selectmen's Minutes 03-15-2004

TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 15, 2004

7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Greeley, Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Vice Chair, Mrs. Dias, Mr. Hurd, and Mr. Lyons.
 Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Maher, and Mrs. Krepelka.

7:15

For Discussion: CDBG Proposals

Mr. O'Brien reported there are many more requests than the grant money that Arlington will receive of 1.5 million. Due to the tough financial climate grant monies will be watched by CDBG to make sure funds aren't to be used for funding of town services. The next step will be for the B.O.S. and Town Manager to approve grant recommendations then it moves on to Town Meeting. The Selectmen discussed further requests. Mrs. Mahon requested \$8500 instead of \$5,000 for A.H.S. scholarships and money for an East Arlington traffic/parking study. Mr. Hurd requested \$50,000 for resurfacing of North Union St. Park. Mr. Lyons requested \$10,000 for racism training for employee education. Mr. Greeley requested \$1500 for an Alternative Transportation Program educating residents to alternatives to driving. Proponents of CDBG requests spoke explaining their requests. The Selectmen received the report and will wait to approve recommendations at an upcoming meeting.

2. Presentation: Vision 2020

Jane Howard

Mrs. Howard went over the survey report involving 1884 responses. She wanted to report this preliminary information before the Budget and Revenue Task Force meeting.

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

3. Appointments – New Election Workers

Dorothy A. Schlichting, 102 Valentine Rd., Pct. 18, U
 Taryn Walsh Weaver, 59 Overlook Rd., Pct. 19, D
 Francis J. Burke, 19 Fremont St., Pct. 5, D
 Mary T. Lyons, 11 Park Ave. Ext., Pct. 21, D
 Lisa A. Welter, 31 Sunset Rd., Pct. 21, U
 Diane E. Wells, 31 Sunset Rd., Pct. 21, U
 Theresa M. Martin, 64 Sunset Rd., Pct. 21, D
 Joan A.M. Gearin, 382 Mass. Ave. #703, Pct. 6, U
 Thomas B. Richardson, 32 Ottawa Rd., Pct. 10, U
 Christine Doherty, 26 Oak Hill Drive, Pct. 15, U
 Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

4. Reappointment – Arlington Preservation Fund

Andrew Fischer

(term to expire 3/07)

Mrs. Dias moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

5. Reappointment – Arlington Cultural Council

Amy L. Peters

(term to expire 3/07)

Mrs. Dias moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS6. Request: To Hang Banner Over Pleasant St., 5/2/04

David Carr, Fidelity House Annual Fund Raiser at Ritz Carlton Hotel

Mr. Lyons moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

7. Request: To Allow Parade to Form & March on Mass. Ave., 4/19/04

Joseph Marshall, Chair, William F. McCarthy, Vice Chair

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Sullivan will look into putting up barricades for public safety.

8. **CITIZENS OPEN FORUM**

The following matter was presented for consideration of the Board.

Mr. Paul Uek reported that he along with 130 other tenants do not support Article #32. They are requesting that the Board does not support the article.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS9. Traffic Concerns – Fairmont St.

Manny Cannario, Jean Munsey, 67 Fairmont St

After much discussion it was determined there was too much confusion to make a decision right away.

Mr. Lyons moved to table for 2 weeks to wait for petitions and recommendations concerning the whole neighborhood.

SO VOTED (5-0)

10. For Discussion: Precinct Polling Places

John W. Hurd, Selectman

Mr. Lyons moved to table until December.

SO VOTED (5-0)

11. Final Votes & Comments

Article 4 Election of Assistant Moderator

Article 19 Bylaw Amendment/Snow Removal/Residences

Article 20 Bylaw Amendment/Snow Removal Apartments/Condominiums

Article 21 Bylaw Amendment/Snow Removal/Businesses

Article 22 Bylaw Amendment/Public Ways

Article 24 Bylaw Amendment/Recreation Vehicles

Article 27 Bylaw Amendment/Dog Parks

Article 32 Special Place/The Old Schwamb Mill

Article 33 Bylaw Amendment/Special Places

Article 35 Home Rule Petition/Timothy Pacheco

Article 37 Home Rule Legislation/Beer, Wine and Malt Sale Licenses

Article 38 Home Rule Legislation/Request for Legislation/

All Alcohol Licenses

Mr. Hurd moved to table.

SO VOTED (5-0)

12. Warrant Article Hearings

Article 16 Abandonment of Exterior Lines

Mr. Keshian requests support on abandonment of lines at 980 & 880 Mass. Ave.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 23 Bylaw Amendment/Repairs to Private Ways

Mr. Hurd moved to table for more discussion with Town Counsel. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 25 Bylaw Amendment/Data Processing Advisory Board

Mrs. Mahon reported that Articles 25, 46, 47, and 85 would be handled all together. The Board should wait until after a March 24th public meeting.

Mrs. Mahon moved to table until March 29th meeting.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Maher recommended a no action vote for Article #46.

Mrs. Mahon moved no action for Article #46.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 26 Bylaw Amendment/Revenue Manual

Mr. Lyons moved no action with the understanding it will be administratively implemented with the Finance Committee input.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 28 Bylaw Amendment/Adjustments to Town Fees

Mr. Lyons moved no action with the understanding it will be administratively implemented with the Finance Committee input.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 39 Revolving Funds

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 40 Endorsement of CDBG Application

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 41 Residency Requirement/Town Counsel

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 42 Authority to File for Grants

Mrs. Dias moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 43 On Street Parking

After some discussion with Mr. Santoro, the Board believes a discussion should occur at Town Meeting.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 46 Establish Committee/Information Systems

Mrs. Mahon moved no action

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 47 Establish Information Technology Advisory Committee

Mrs. Mahon moved to table until March 29th meeting.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 83 Permissive Legislation

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 84 Local Option Taxes

Mr. Maher stated this is a will report.

Mr. Lyons voted to report.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 85 Create Position/Town Web Site

Mrs. Mahon moved to table until March 29th meeting. SO VOTED (5-0)

13. Report: Warrant Articles 31, 36, 94

John F. Maher, Town Counsel

Mr. Maher recommends there is no need for Article #31.

Mrs. Mahon moved to table until she speaks with FinCom. SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Maher will notify Mr. Carrera.

After discussion on Article #36 the Board agreed that legal documentation of legal notices should be in print.

Mr. Lyons moved no action. SO VOTED (5-0)

After discussion on Article #94 the Board agreed language should be specific, there be a limit of 3 business' allowed, and further review utilizing Winchester's rules and regulations will be looked at closer.

Mr. Lyons moved support with a limit of 3. SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Greeley wants a future full meeting on the criteria and rules and regulations for all alcohol establishments. Mr. Mansfield will be notified of meeting.

Correspondence Received

Kathy Fennelly Webmaster Be Rec'd

Virginia Fuller Coalition of Arlington Town Employees Assoc. Be Rec'd

Richard Marquis

James Smith

Jennifer DeRemer

Stephen Pereira

Daniel Warren

Ronald Santosuosso

John Serson

Arthur Kelley

Brian H. Rehrig Town of Arlington Web Site

Be Rec'd

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (5-0)

The Board refers the Coalition matter to the Town Manager to come back in 2 weeks with recommendations.

Mr. Lyons expressed that he was displeased with the website note from the Webmaster regarding storm water. He feels there is no excuse for this communication last week and feels the Town Manager should look into discipline for this action, which is inconsistent with the Board's communication style. Mrs. Dias asked that all e-mails be referred to Ruth Lewis concerning the Webmaster's response so that Ruth Lewis can formally respond to the Board.

Mrs. Dias moved approval to refer to Ruth Lewis.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Executive Session

A True Attest:

Submitted by Marie Krepelka
Board Administrator